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Applicant(s): BLANCHETTE, Maurice
Application No.: 10/759,061 Confirmation No.: 6678
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Group Art Unit: 3637
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Customer No.: 20988

AMENDMENT B

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 9, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application are being filed concurrently with the present amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.